



### REMARKS

This Amendment expressly provides in the Specification reference to the Continuation status of this Application. Such amendment is being made within three months of the February 12, 2004 filing date.

For the reasons indicated in detail during the prosecution of parent Application No. 09/933,174 there is urged to exist no sound basis to continue to deny patent protection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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